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## ATP ANNOUNCES 2015 ATP WORLD TOUR CALENDAR

### 2015 season highlighted by enhanced grass-court swing

LONDON — The ATP has released the 2015 ATP World Tour calendar following meetings with its ATP Board of Directors in London last week.

The 2015 calendar will feature 62 tournaments in 31 countries across six continents and, for the first time, will incorporate a three-week grass-court swing in the lead up to The Championships, Wimbledon.

The extended grass-court swing will be comprised of events in Stuttgart, 's-Hertogenbosch, London-Queen's, Halle, and a new 48-draw event in Nottingham (previously held as a 28-draw in Eastbourne). Newport will continue to be held the week after Wimbledon. In addition, Queen's and Halle will be re-categorised as ATP World Tour 500 events, bringing the grass-court season additional weight in the 52-week Emirates ATP Rankings with a 75 percent increase in points attributed to the surface.

"The ATP World Tour is a truly global sports property, and demand for tournaments around the world is high, which reflects the strength of our product and the growing popularity of our sport," said Chris Kermode, ATP Executive Chairman & President.

"The extended grass-court season, with additional Emirates ATP Rankings points at stake, is a positive step forward," continued Kermode. "One of our assets as a sport is to provide for variance across playing surfaces throughout the season, so the strengthening of the grass-court season is a significant enhancement for the overall calendar. In particular, I would like to thank the All England Club, led by Philip Brook, for the instrumental role it has played in achieving this positive outcome."

The 2015 calendar sees the ATP retain its strongest foothold in the traditional markets of Europe and North America, while recent developments in the emerging markets of Asia and South America continue to take hold.

China remains the only country outside the United States to host ATP events across ATP World Tour 250 (Shenzhen), ATP World Tour 500 (Beijing), and ATP World Tour Masters 1000 (Shanghai) categories. Meanwhile, the 4-week South American swing continues to be highlighted by the Rio tournament, the first ATP World Tour 500 event to be held in the continent. The weeks for the ATP World Tour 250 events in Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo will be determined in due course.

The ATP will also re-introduce a third tournament in week 17 of the 2015 ATP World Tour calendar alongside the Munich and Oeiras tournaments. The week had previously held the Serbia Open in Belgrade, which saw its last edition in 2012. The ATP will be commencing an application process to lease an ATP World Tour 250 to be played outdoors on clay in the European region.

The full 2015 ATP World Tour calendar is attached.

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**Tournament Lease Information:**

Parties interested in leasing the ATP World Tour 250 in week 17 of the 2015 ATP World Tour calendar (week commencing April 27, 2015) should contact David Massey at the ATP's European office in Monaco on: +377 9797 0404 | [dmassey@atpworldtour.com](mailto:dmassey@atpworldtour.com)

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**About the ATP**

The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the ATP World Tour, the ATP Challenger Tour and the ATP Champions Tour. With 61 tournaments in 30 countries, the 2014 ATP World Tour showcases the finest male athletes competing in the world's most exciting venues. From Australia to Europe and the Americas to Asia, the stars of the 2014 ATP World Tour battle for prestigious titles and Emirates ATP Rankings points at ATP World Tour Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, as well as Grand Slams (non ATP events). At the end of the season only the world's top 8 qualified singles players and doubles teams, based on their performance throughout the year, will qualify to compete for the last title of the season at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals. Held at The O2 in London, the event will officially crown the 2014 ATP World Tour No.1 presented by Emirates. For more information, please visit [www.ATPWorldTour.com](http://www.ATPWorldTour.com).



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